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In re:

U.S. Application of:

For:

Eiichi YOSHIDA

CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL  
METHOD FOR NETWORK-CONNECTED  
DEVICE

Prior Application:

U.S. Serial No.: 09/151,321

Filed: September 11, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2624

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**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION  
APPLICATION (CPA) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)), of Application Serial No. 09/151,321, filed on September 11, 1998, by Eiichi YOSHIDA, entitled CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD FOR NETWORK-CONNECTED DEVICE.

1. The above-identified prior Application Serial No. 09/151,321, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

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2. Please use the file jacket and contents of the prior Application Serial No. 09/151,321, including the specification, drawings, and declaration to constitute the new application.

3. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment which is being filed concurrently herewith, which amends claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, and 11-16, adds claims 18-20, and cancels claim 17.

4. Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are now present in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 16 are independent claims and claims 2-10, 12-15, and 18-20 are dependent claims.

5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims currently existing in the prior application Serial No. 09/151,321, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment being filed concurrently herewith.

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7. The prior Application Serial No. 09/151,321, filed on September 11, 1998, is assigned of record by virtue of an Assignment by Eiichi YOSHIDA to MINOLTA CO., LTD., as recorded on Reel 9594, Frame 0891.

8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No. 09/151,321, was filed by Eiichi YOSHIDA, and is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD, Dallas, Texas. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367. Please submit all correspondence to the Dallas address associated with Customer No. 24367.

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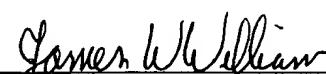
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